

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Severe Storms and Flooding-Tropical Depression Ernesto
FEMA-1661-DR-VA
STATE SITUATION REPORT # 32
1500 Hrs 18 Oct 2006 - 1500 Hrs 25 Oct 2006

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(New or highlighted information is bold)

SUMMARY

Response and recovery operations are being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth due to the severe storms and flooding associated with Tropical Depression Ernesto across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 29 Aug – 7 Sep 2006.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

JFO Operations: Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings will be conducted at the JFO on **Wed** of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. VDEM staff meetings will be conducted as required by the DSCO. JFO Situation Reports will be issued on Wednesday of each week.

State of Emergency and Executive Order: By Executive Order, Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency on 31 Aug 2006 in preparation for Tropical Depression Ernesto, later amended on 15 Sep 2006. On 8 Sep 2006 Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (PA) for 25 jurisdictions and Individual Assistance (IA) for nine jurisdictions.

On 22 Sep 2006 President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the damage resulting from Tropical Depression Ernesto that began on 29 Aug 2006, designating 21 jurisdictions eligible for the PA Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

Regarding PA, pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, one additional jurisdiction(*) was approved by FEMA on 6 Oct and three additional jurisdictions(**) were approved by FEMA on 18 Oct as also eligible for the PA Program. **Based on PDA data, the Commonwealth on 20 Oct requested that King George County be declared eligible for the PA Program.** Current eligible jurisdictions (25) are:

Accomack	Essex	Middlesex	Richmond (City of)
Caroline	Gloucester	Northampton	Poquoson (City of)
Charles City	Isle of Wight	Northumberland	Newport News (City)*
James City	Richmond	Westmoreland	Greensville**
King William	Surry	Mathews	King and Queen**
Lancaster	Sussex	Dinwiddie	Lunenburg**
York			

Regarding IA, on 28 Sep 2006 the Commonwealth received the denial of its requested IA declaration for nine jurisdictions (3 cities and 6 counties) which was formally appealed by Governor Kaine on 29 Sep 2006. On 11 Oct 2006 the Commonwealth IA appeal was formally denied by FEMA. Pursuant to the Commonwealth's request, on 16 Oct 2006 the SBA issued a disaster declaration for the following five jurisdictions. Contiguous jurisdictions to those named are automatically included in the SBA declaration.

Richmond (City of)	Hampton (City of)	Gloucester
Newport News (City of)		Northumberland

WEATHER

Seven-day forecast (W-Th-F-Sa-Su-M-Tu): 25 Oct-1 Nov 2006): Today and tonight will be mostly sunny, west winds 4-14 mph, with a high of 56 and a nightly low of 32. **Thursday** will be partly cloudy, then mostly cloudy with 50% chance of rain after 8pm, new accumulation of less than 0.1 inch, calm winds 6 mph, with a high of 56 and a nightly low of 45. **Friday** will be mostly cloudy with 50% chance of rain day and night, with a daily high of 63 and a nightly low of 42. **Saturday** will be partly cloudy, with a daily high of 58 and a nightly low of 38. **Sunday** will be partly cloudy with a daily high of 58 and a nightly low of 36. **Monday** will be mostly sunny with a daily high of 60 and a nightly low of 40. **Tuesday** will be mostly sunny, with a daily high of 61.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

Legislative Liaison: The 25 affected jurisdictions are represented by 39 legislators. Respective Congressional offices have been notified in advance of PA Applicants Briefings for their jurisdictions. JFO-Legislative Liaison: Mr. A.Warren (art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov).

Public Information Office (PIO) VDEM PIO continues to monitor and respond to media, legislative and public inquires. PIO distributed news releases on flood insurance, floodsmart.gov, and the four SBA loan assistance centers and prepared call-out to the SBA declared counties and contiguous counties on these SBA loan assistance centers.

OPERATIONS SECTION

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

ESF 3 – Public Works and Engineering: Water Pumps, City of Richmond, has been extended to **29 Oct 2006** by the Governor. All pumps (18"- 2 each and 12"- 3 each) have been elevated on mobile platforms above flood stage and are fully operational. VDEM POC (Mr. K. Hayes).

ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery: **RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)**

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:	Jurisdictions (65 each)	Private (30 each)	Public (62each)
	Subtotal	\$68,088,094**	\$52,452,584.98*/***
	*Includes VDOT estimates and Electric Cooperatives' estimates.		
	**Includes residential, business, and agricultural estimates.		
	***Includes Public Service Authorities		
	State Agencies (Excludes VDOT) Public (13 each)		
	Subtotal		\$2,383,019.55
	GRAND TOTAL	\$68,088,094	\$54,835,604.53

State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings: **Applicants' Briefings Conducted (4 ea):**

1. 5 Oct 2006, Attendees-45 (City of Richmond-31, FEMA-8, VDEM-6)
2. 6 Oct 2006, Attendees-22 (Five Electric Coop Reps-13, FEMA-4, VDEM-5)
3. 11 Oct 2006 Attendees-48 (Eleven Jurisdictions-19, FEMA-6, VDEM-16, Other-6)
4. 17 Oct 2006 Attendees- 9 (State Agencies-3, FEMA-1, VDEM-5)
5. 18 Oct 2006 Attendees-17 (Eastrn Shore Applicants-8, FEMA-3, VDEM-5, Oth-1)

Applicants' Briefings Scheduled:

1. **When:** TBD
Where: TBD
Attendees: 3 Amended Juris. (Greensville, King and Queen, Lunenburg)

Kick-off Meetings Conducted (23 ea):

1. 10 Oct 2006, Attendees-39 (City of Richmond-28, FEMA-5, VDEM-6)
2. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 5 (A&N Electric Cooperative-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-3)
3. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 9 (Five Counties-6, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
4. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 4 (Northern Neck Electric Coop-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)

5. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 5 (Town of Colonial Beach-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
6. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 4 (Town of Kilmarnock-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
7. 16 Oct 2006, Attendees- 7 (Rappahannock Elect Coop-2, FEMA-2, VDEM-3)
8. 16 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Middlesex County-2, FEMA-2, VDEM-2)
9. 17 Oct 2006, Attendees- 3 (City of Newport News-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
10. 17 Oct 2006, Attendees-13 (Gloucester County-7, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)
11. 17 Oct 2006, Attendees- 8 (Mathews County-2, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)
12. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (VDCR-4, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
13. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees- 3 (Va Dept of State Police-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
14. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees-10 (VDOT-1, FEMA-3, VDEM-6)
15. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees- 3 (James City-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
16. 19 Oct 2006, Attendees-11 (City of Poquoson-5, FEMA-2, VDEM-4)
17. 19 Oct 2006, Attendees-11 (VIMS-5, FEMA-2, VDEM-4)
18. 19 Oct 2006, Attendees-TBP (Town of Melfa, FEMA, VDEM)
19. 20 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Charles City County, FEMA-2, VDEM-3)
20. 20 Oct 2006, Attendees- 3 (Va Dept of Mental Health-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
21. 20 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Town of Onancock-1, FEMA-2, VDEM-3)
22. 20 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Town of Smithfield-3, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
23. 23 Oct 2006, Attendees-TBP (Accomack County, FEMA, VDEM)
24. 24 Oct 2006, Attendees-TBP (Town of Parksley, FEMA, VDEM)
23. 24 Oct 2006, Attendees-20 (York County-13, FEMA-3, VDEM-4)

Kick-off Meetings Scheduled (5 ea):

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| 1. | When: Wed, 25 Oct 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: Northampton County Bldg, Eastville, VA
Attendees: Northampton County |
| 2. | When: Wed, 25 Oct 2006 (1400 hours)
Where: VDOC Office
Attendees: Virginia Dept of Corrections |
| 3. | When: Thu, 26 Oct 2006 (1000hours))
Where: Town Office, 6 Main St, Wachapreague, VA
Attendees: Town of Wachapreague |
| 4. | When: Fri, 27 Oct 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: Town Office, 6150 Community Dr, Chincoteague, VA
Attendees: Town of Chincoteague |
| 5. | When: Mon, 30 Oct 2006 (1400 hours))
Where: VGS Office
Attendees: Va Dept of General Services |

The Recovery Center page on VDEM website, www.vaemergency.com provides all current FEMA-1661-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents. See the section, Public Assistance Program. The deadline date(s) for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1661-DR is COB:

Declared 21 jurisdictions:	Fri, 20 Oct 2006
Amended one jurisdiction:	Mon, 6 Nov 2006
Amended three jurisdictions:	Fri, 17 Nov 2006

RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO, ATTN (Ms. Mona Ellington) at:

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RPAs have been received from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations **(50 total)**:

**A & N Electric Cooperative
Accomack County**

**Rappahannock Community College
Rappahannock Electric Cooperative**

Bloxom (Town of)
Callao Vol Fire Dept
Cape Charles (Town of)
Cheriton (Town of)
 Chincoteague (Town of)
 Colonial Beach (Town of)
Colonial Beach Public Schools
 Gloucester County
 James City County
 James City Service Authority
 Kilmarnock (Town of)
Kilmarnock Vol Fire Dept
 Lancaster County
 Mathews County
Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative
 Melfa (Town of)
 Middlesex County
 Newport News (City of)
 Northampton County
 Northumberland County
 Northern Neck Electric Cooperative
 Onancock (Town of)
Onley (Town of)
Parksley (Town of)
 Poquoson (City of)

Richmond (City of)
 Richmond County
Richmond County Vol Rescue Squad
 Smithfield (Town of)
Southside Electric Cooperative
Tangier (Town of)
 Tappanannock (Town of)
Virginia Commonwealth University
 Va Dept of Conservation & Recreation
 Va Dept of Corrections
 Va Dept of Emergency Management
 Va Dept of General Services
 Va Dept of Mental Health
 Va Dept of State Police
Va Dept of Transportation
 Virginia Institute of Marine Science
 Wachapreague (Town of)
Warsaw (Town of)
Waterman's Museum
 Westmoreland County
 York County

Public Assistance Training Courses Conducted:

1. Course (E382): Public Assistance Operations-II
11-13 Oct 2006 at FEMA/VDEM JFO for PA officers/staff (21 students)

Individual Assistance:

Pursuant to the SBA declaration, the following SBA Disaster Outreach Centers have been opened for the five declared jurisdictions and all contiguous jurisdictions. Individuals may visit any of the Centers for SBA assistance.

SBA Disaster Outreach Centers (4ea):

1. City of Richmond:
 When: Opened 1300 Hours, 17 Oct 2006 (Tue)
 Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)
 Where: Norrell School Annex, 201 W Graham Rd, Richmond, VA
2. Cities of Hampton and Newport News:
 When: Opened 1000 Hours, 18 Oct 2006 (Wed)
 Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)
 Where: Y H Tomas Center, 1300 Thomas St, Hampton, VA 23669
3. Gloucester County:
 When: Opened 1000 Hours, 18 Oct 2006 (Wed)
 Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)
 Where: Fire Station 3, 2676 Hayes Rd, Hayes, VA 23072
4. Northumberland County:
 When: Opened 1000 Hours, 18 Oct 2006 (Wed)
 Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)
 Where: Old County Courthouse, 72 Monument Place, Heathsville, VA

As of 23 Oct 2006, the following is a summary of actions at the four SBA Centers:

Location	Home Loans (Issued/Accepted)	Business Loans (Issued/Accepted)	Misc Assistance
1.	14/9	3/1	26
2.	5/4	2/0	4
3.	4/3	0/0	3
4.	8/6	3/0	18
TOTAL	31/22	8/1	51

Mitigation:

The Hazard Mitigation Strategy and the Admin Plan for DR-1661-VA were approved by the SCO and submitted to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Director, Mr. Noah Thacker.

Mitigation Training Courses Proposed (Training Space Reserved):

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| 1. | Course (E277): Residential Coastal Construction |
| | When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec) |
| | Where: TBD |
| | Attendees: TBD |
| 2. | Course (E279): Retrofit Flood-prone Residential Buildings |
| | When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec) |
| | Where: TBD |
| | Attendees: TBD |

HMGP Applicants' Briefings Scheduled (4 ea):

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| 1. | When: Mon, 30 Oct 2006 (1000 hours) |
| | Where: VDEM Trade Court Office, Richmond, VA |
| | Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM |
| 2. | When: Tue, 31 Oct 2006 (1300 hours) |
| | Where: Poquoson City Hall, Poquoson, VA |
| | Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM |
| 3. | When: Thu, 2 Nov 2006 (1300 hours) |
| | Where: Northern Neck Plan Dist Commission Office, Warsaw, VA |
| | Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM |
| 4. | When: Tue, 7 Nov 2006 (1500 hours) |
| | Where: Accomack Northampton PDC Office, Accomack, VA |
| | Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM |

All jurisdictions impacted by Tropical Depression Ernesto have been notified by email and traditional mail of upcoming HMGP Applicants Briefings. Interest far exceeds available funds; managing expectations is essential.

Michelle Pope (VDEM) provided a presentation on mitigation programs to the first of three Virginia Floodplain Managers Association workshops scheduled this fall.

Citizen Workshop for Northumberland County, Thu, 2 Nov 2006 (1900 hours), Location TBD: At the request of County Administrator, Kenny Eades, this workshop was scheduled to address citizen issues. Topics covered will include flood, wind and other homeowner's insurance issues, SBA loans, mitigation methods, grants and long-term recovery planning for property owners. Speakers will brief the audience on their area of expertise, the floor will be opened for questions, and then residents can speak with our team of experts one-on-one at the end of the Workshop.

PLANNING SECTION**ESF 7 – Resource**

VDEM JFO/Field Planning Section became operational on 5 October 2006.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION**Personnel Unit:**

VDEM JFO / field staffing is 52 (Permanent Staff-7, Reservists-20 Contractor-25).

Administration Unit:

Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) will continue to be on Tu&Th.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT (Non FEMA-1661-DR-VA) ONGOING ACTIONS**FEMA-1655-DR-VA:**

RPA's were received/accepted from localities, state agencies, land private non-profit organizations (Total=19: cities-2, towns-4, counties-5, state agencies-3, other-5).

As of COB, **24 October 2006, a total of 233** (current estimated projection is **277**) PA project worksheets (PWs) have been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review /approval and funding obligations. **Current totals:**

Obligated:	\$3,166,967.00
Disbursed:	\$ 698,488.30

October (6-9) Flooding:

On 9 Oct (1540 hrs) Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to storms and flooding in Central/Southeast Virginia. Local Emergency declarations were made in several jurisdictions. Pursuant to the Commonwealth's request, PDAs were conducted on 16 Oct 2006 for the affected jurisdictions. **PA and IA damage data did not warrant a Commonwealth request for federal disaster assistance.**

On 20 Oct, the Governor requested a SBA disaster declaration for the following three jurisdictions. Contiguous jurisdictions to those named are automatically included in the SBA declaration.

Franklin (City of)

Isle of Wight County

Southampton

The following SBA Disaster Outreach Centers are being planned to support the anticipated SBA declaration:

SBA Disaster Outreach Centers Planned (2ea):

1. City of Franklin:

When: TBD

Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)

Where: 601 N Mechanic St, Franklin, VA

2. Town of Smithfield:

When: TBD

Hours: M-F (9am-6pm); Sat (9am-3pm)

Where: 259 James St, Smithfield, VA

Prepared by: Lew Wertz

Authority of: Michael M. Cline, State Coordinating Officer

/s) Gordon R. Barwell, Deputy State Coordinating Officer